

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 928
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A RESOLUTION to commend Shannon Dunkin for his honorable
and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Dunkin is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest
integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a tennis coach and mentor, Mr. Dunkin
has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional
asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Germantown High School in 1980, Shannon Dunkin
attended Eastern Tennessee State University on the J. Madison Brooks Endowed Scholarship;
throughout his college career, Mr. Dunkin played on the men's tennis team, during which time
he won the Bristol Open, received the prestigious NCAA Southern Conference Buddy Hartsell
Sportsmanship Award, and was a finalist for the Come-Back Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Dunkin spent the years after college making the transition from
athlete to coach at the Southern Section United States Tennis Association (USTA) Area
Training Center, where he honed his elite athlete development skills; in 1994, he achieved a
Level 1 Professional Certification with the USTA, the highest level a teaching pro can obtain;
and

WHEREAS, as an assistant pro at the Wimbeldon Sportsplex in Memphis, Mr. Dunkin
taught tennis to competitive adults and juniors, developed a 100-plus member junior program,
and organized numerous high visibility adult tournaments, club socials, interclub matches, and
sanctioned USTA Junior Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, for the past fifteen years, Shannon Dunkin has not only taught the sport of tennis throughout Tennessee, but has also traveled all over the Southern region with juniors to out-of-town tournaments and served as the head coach of the Tennessee Federation Cup, the Tennessee Junior Davis Cup teams, and the Southern Tennis Association Zonal Team; and

WHEREAS, a stellar athlete and renowned coach, Mr. Dunkin has achieved an elite level of athletics that many dream of, yet only a few achieve, all while battling a litany of trying health ordeals and, in the spring of 2004, a kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunkin is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, for his perseverance in the face of adversity and his staunch dedication to athletic excellence, Mr. Shannon Dunkin stands as a shining example of the finest of humanity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Shannon Dunkin for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his courage in the face of adversity, and extend to him our warmest wishes for continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.